



# World Mission Week Leaders' Community Group Booklet

Sharing the burdens, carrying the loads, and sharing in the harvest. A time to reflect on how best to help those serving overseas.

'I have great joy in the Lord because now at last you have again expressed your concern for me. (Now I know you were concerned before but had no opportunity to do anything.) I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content in any circumstance. I have experienced times of need and times of abundance. In any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of contentment, whether I go satisfied or hungry, have plenty or nothing. I am able to do all things through the one who strengthens me. Nevertheless, you did well to share with me in my trouble.'

**Philippians 4:10-20 (New English Translation (NET))**

Your world mission focus country is: .....

## Preparation

Find out as much as you can about the history of the country you are praying for. Read the latest newsletter or blog from the missionaries.

Ask the group what they know about the country you are focusing on and the missionaries serving there.

Share about the country and what prayers are needed for them for the year ahead.

## Some Bible verses about mission

Use these verses to guide your thoughts on mission and discuss.

### **Matthew 9:37-38**

'Then he said to his disciples, the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'

1. What is the link between workers and the harvest?

### **John 17:18**

'As you sent me into the world, I also send them into the world.'

2. In what ways was Jesus sent?

3. How can our lives reflect that?

4. Who is Jesus calling you to?

## Mission calling

**Imagine you were leaving your family and friends and setting off to foreign lands to spread the good news of Jesus, how would you like your family and friends to support you? Make a list.**

5. What you could do from this list, for your World Mission week.

**Missionaries going to a foreign place often experience different levels of transitional adjustments.**

6. Have any of you ever moved to a completely new area or changed countries?

7. Perhaps you can share with the group some of your adjustment experiences. Share with the group the advantages or challenges in your new area.

8. Think for a moment how these circumstances may be affecting the missionaries you are praying for and include them in your prayer time.

**Most long-term missionaries rely on on-going monetary gift funds, prayer support and encouraging visits/communications from their church, families, friends and mission partners. All of these are of equal importance.**

9. As a community or individuals within your community discuss what areas of support you feel most called?

*'The deeds you do may be the only sermon some persons will hear today.'*  
**Francis of Assisi**

10. How is this quote helpful and how does it relate to Romans 10?

### **Romans 10: 14-15**

'How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, how beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things!'

*Want to know more about Mission?*

**Sunday 10th May** after the morning service, there will be a lunch followed by different seminars options on how to get involved in mission.

**Sunday 17th May** will be our annual World Gift Day when we seek to raise £50,000. See [hrbc.org.uk/world-week](http://hrbc.org.uk/world-week).

*Further reading:*

- **'To Timbuktu & Beyond'** by Marsha Woodward
- **'For what its worth: a call to no holds barred discipleship'** by Simon Guillebaud
- **'Just Do Something. A liberating approach to finding God's will'** by Kevin DeYoung

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